GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

MINORITIES WELFARE DEPARTMENT - Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872 – Grant of Licenses to the Pastors/Priests/Evangelists to solemnize Marriages and to issued Marriage Certificates - Increase the tenure of Marriage Performance Licenses to the Pastors/Priests/Evangelists from three (3) years to ten (10) years - Orders – Issued.

MINORITIES WELFARE (SDM) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.72 **Dated:20.11.2024**

Read the following:

1. Govt. Memo. No.2723/ ICM/A1/2007-1, dated.01.11.2007.
2. From the Managing Director, APSCMFC, Tadepalli, Letter No.392/EO/APSCMC/ Marriage License/2024, dated.15.10.2024.

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O R D E R

Under Sections 6 and 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872, the Government Issues Licenses to the Pastors/Priests/Evangelists to solemnize marriages among Indian Christians and to issued Marriage Certificates. Presently, these licenses are being issued for an initial period of three (3) years and renewed for further period based on the report of the concerned District Collectors.

2. In the letter 2nd read above, the Managing Director, A.P. State Christian (Minorities) Finance Corporation has requested the Government for increase the validity of Licenses to the Pastors/Priests/Evangelists to solemnize marriages among Indian Christians and to issued Marriage Certificates, from three (3) years to (10) years considering the difficulties faced by them.

3. Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby decided to increase the tenure of Licenses to the Pastors/Priests/Evangelists to solemnize marriages among Indian Christians and to issue Marriage Certificates, from three (3) years to ten (10) years on par with the Kazis, with immediate effect.

4. The Managing Director, A.P. State Christian (Minorities) Finance Corporation, Tadepalli and all the Collectors and District Magistrate shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

KATI HARSHAVARDHAN
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Managing Director,
A.P. State Christian (Minorities) Finance Corporation,
Tadepalli, Guntur District.
All the Collectors & District Magistrate.
All the District Minorities Welfare Officers.
Copy to:
The Commissioner, Minorities Welfare Department.
The OSD/PS to Hon'ble Minister (Minorities Welfare).
The OSD to Secretary to Government, Minorities Welfare Department.
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// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

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